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Director

Preliminary Report	Child Fatality	8/21/15

### Amendments to the information posted on 7/9/15 are displayed below in red.

1. Victim: Joylynne Giebel – 21-month-old female

**2.** Date of notification to DCS: 6/5/15

**3. Date of fatality:** 6/5/15

4. Date(s) of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:

Andrew "Drew" Isaacs – 6/5/15 Aminda Giebel – 6/25/15

- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County Mesa, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Andrew "Drew" Isaacs – age 27 – Mesa, AZ Aminda Giebel – age 29 – Mesa, AZ

## 7. Circumstances of the fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On June 5, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report following a response from EMS to the residence regarding 21-month-old Joylynne Giebel. Joylynne was not breathing and EMS attempts to resuscitate her were unsuccessful. Joylynne was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Joylynne was found to have significant injuries including bruising to the left side of her head, several small bruises and scrapes to her face and body, internal trauma to her abdomen and three broken ribs. The treating physician stated that the injuries appear to be caused by some form of abuse. Joylynne's stepfather, Andrew "Drew" Isaacs, was arrested on one count of child abuse. On June 25, 2015, Joylynne's mother, Aminda Giebel, was also charged with child abuse. Andrew Isaacs has since been charged with reckless manslaughter.

# 8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s)\*\*:

DCS has received four prior reports involving Aminda Giebel, Andrew "Drew" Isaacs and/or Joylynne Giebel:

On January 13, 2011, a report was received alleging neglect to Joylynne's siblings and physical abuse to one of the siblings by the children's mother, Aminda Giebel. The investigation assessed the children to be safe and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was provided with information on available community services and the case was closed.

On January 7, 2013, a report was received alleging neglect to Joylynne's siblings by the children's mother, Aminda Giebel. The investigation assessed the children to be safe and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was offered in-home services by the Department, but declined.



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On August 6, 2013, a report was received alleging neglect to Joylynne when Aminda Giebel tested positive for amphetamine, methamphetamine, barbiturates and THC at the birth. A Safety Plan was put in place and Ms. Giebel was provided with substance abuse services. Ms. Giebel did engage in services and the case was closed on April 25, 2014.

On December 21, 2014, a report was received alleging physical abuse and neglect to Joylynne by Andrew Isaacs and Aminda Giebel. The report also alleged that Andrew Isaacs and Aminda Giebel abuse and sell drugs in the home and have been known to give Joylynne Percocet in order to "tranquilize" her. The report was responded to on December 22, 2014 however, there appeared to be no one home. A card with a message to contact the Department as soon as possible was left at the residence. No further visits to the home were made and the case remained open when the current report was received.

## 9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the fatality:

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Mesa Police Department.

### 10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Following an assessment of child safety, a sibling was removed and placed in a licensed foster home.

## 11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

The Department of Child Safety is providing services to the family.

\*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

\*\* Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).

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